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The First Question.

WHat *State did my Soul come into the World in?* Was it not in a State of *Death? Epheſ.* 2. 1. A State of *Wrath?* Verſe 3. Sirs, Awake, and bethink your ſelves where you are,

and whither you are going. While you are in your Natural, Unconverted, Unbelieving State, all your ſins are unpardoned, and the Wrath of God abideth on you, *Acts* 3. 19. *Joh.* 3. 36. Suppoſe you ſaw a poor creature hanging over a burning fiery Furnace, by nothing but a twine thred, like to break every moment; would not your hearts ſhake for ſuch a one? Sirs, it is your very caſe; you hang over the Infernal Burnings by nothing but the ſmall thread of your lives, which you know not but it may crack the next moment, and then where are you? Is this a caſe for you to go on merrily and contentedly in?

The ſecond Queſtion.

WH*t Condition is my Soul now in?* Am I changed and renewed by Converſion, or am I not? Speak, Conſcience; hath this Man, this Woman, this Child been ſoundly and ſavingly changed, both in Heart and Life? Where are your evidences? Can you ſhew the marks of

of the Lord Jeſus upon your Souls? Let your Conſcience anſwer: Where was the place? What was the means? When was the time that thy ſoul was throughly renewed? At leaſt if you cannot ſhew the time, place, or means, can you prove any thing? Can you ſay with him [one thing I know, that whereas I was blind, I now ſee.] Sirs, be not deceived, I tell you, whatever you do, nothing will avail you to Salvation, except you be new Creatures, *Gal.* 6. 15.

The Third Queſtion.

WHat if I ſhould loſe my Soul? What fair Work ſhould I make of it then? This is very poſſible, *Mat.* 16. 26. Yea, it is the caſe of the moſt: There are but few, few of the Children of men that do eſcape ſafe to Heaven, *Mat.* 7. 14. Sirs, beware of your danger, and fear leſt a promiſe being left of entring into Reſt, any of you ſhould at laſt come ſhort of it, *Heb.* 4. 1. Suppoſe a man were to travel through ſome perillous Wood or Wilderneſs, having but one Jewel in all the World, in which his All was bound

bound up, and ſhould ſee ſome ſtand on one hand, and ſome on the other, and hear one company in this place, and another in that, cry out under the hands of ſome cruel Robbers: Oh! in what fear would this traveller go leſt he ſhould loſe this Jewel, and be robbed of all at once! why, thou art the man: This Traveller is thy ſelf, this Jewel is thy Soul; This Wilderneſs or Wood, is this World thou art to travel through; ſwarms of ſins, Legions of Devils, a whole world of temptations; theſe are the Robbers that lie in wait for thy Soul: and if all that theſe can do can keep thee out of Heaven, thou ſhalt never come there. Oh! what if thy Pride, or Worldlineſs, thy delays and triflings in Religion, ſhould at laſt betray thy Soul into the Robbers hands? Other loſſes may be repaired; but thy Soul being once loſt, God is loſt, Chriſt is loſt, Heaven, all loſt for evermore.

The Fourth Queſtion.

WHat *do I do for my Soul*? What have I a Soul, an immortal Soul to care for, *&c.* and look no better after it, nor beſtow no more of my time, nor pains upon

upon it, no more of my thoughts about it? When *Auguſtus* the Emperour ſaw the Outlandiſh Women carrying Apes, and ſuch kind of ſtrange Creatures in the Streets, in their Arms, he asked, What! have the Women in theſe Countries no Children? ſo it may be ſaid of many among us, that are early and late at their worldly buſineſs, but let the care of Religion lie by neglected, What have theſe men no Souls? Why man, haſt thou a Soul, and yet doſt ſo little in thy Cloſet, ſo little in thy Family from day to day for it? what meaneſt thou, O Sleeper? Ariſe, call upon thy God, that thou periſh not, *Jonah* 1. 6. What will become of thy Soul, if thou lookeſt to it only at this careleſs rate?

The Fifth Queſtion.

WHat *if God ſhould this night require thy Soul? Where would Death land thee?* Luke 12. 19, 20. There was one that promiſed many merry days, and years, as it is like thou doſt, but that ſame night God called for his Soul. Sirs, are you in your poſtures? Are you

fit

fit to die? O dare not to live in ſuch a caſe, nor in that courſe, in which you would not dare to die.

The Sixth Queſtion.

What a happy caſe were I in, if I had but ſecured my Soul? Oh if this were but once done, how ſweetly mighteſt thou live? Then thou mighteſt eat thy Bread, and drink thy Wine with a merry heart, when aſſured that God accepteth thee and thy work, *Eccleſ.* 9. 7. Then thou mighteſt lie down in peace, riſe up in peace, go out, *&c.* in peace; then thou mighteſt look death in the face, thou mighteſt look dangers in the face, yea, look Devils in the face, and never be afraid. O Sirs! if there be any Enſurance-Office for Souls in all the world, one would think you ſhould be ſeeking to it.

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